the preceding year are eligible for financial assistance for their export promotion activities, under the MDA (Market Development Assistance) scheme of Department of Commerce and similar other scheme run by the Ministry of SSI.

Creation of BSNL Videsh

2469. SHRI P.R. RAJAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to have a new telecom company called BSNL Videsh; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

Identity of mobile holders

†2470. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:
SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the mobile companies have checked the identity of mobile holders after the directions issued by Government;

(b) if so, the names of the companies which have deactivated the mobile numbers of those holders who have not been found genuine; and

(c) if, so, the numbers thereof, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) As per reports received from mobile service providers and their associations, names of the companies who have deactivated telephone connections, and the number of connections deactivated are given in Statement-I and II respectively.

Statement-I

Name(s) of companies who have deactivated telephone connections

BPL Mobile Communication Ltd.

Shyam Telelink Ltd. Aircel

Cellular Limited

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.